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Taylorella Equigenitalis Species and )  
Their Biological Applications )

**AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

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Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action mailed November 25, 2003 (Paper No. 33), Applicants request amendment of the instant application as follows.